

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-12 and 14-15 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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